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1. [] Mr. Fred Flott, State Department, called to alert us that Representative Lester Wolff, a friend of Flott's who is running against Representative Seymour Halpern (their constituency has been redistricted), is trying to get headlines and plans to go into the allegations of CIA involvement in drug traffic. I told Flott to have Wolff or his Administrative Assistant call me and we would be glad to straighten him out.

Robert Owens, Administrative Assistant to Representative Wolff, called to say that Wolff was much concerned about reports of Agency involvement in the drug traffic but before raising the matter in public he would appreciate a briefing. I said I would be glad to talk to Wolff with the understanding that any discussion of the Agency role in coping with the drug traffic would have to be confidential. Owens said he was sure this would be acceptable, and I said under these conditions I would have no objections to Owens being present. He said to schedule the briefing for Thursday, 23 March 1972 at 11:30 a.m.

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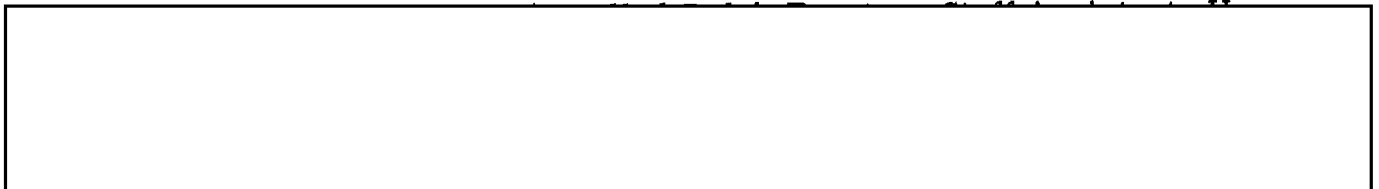
2. [] Called Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, to alert him to tomorrow's story by Jack Anderson about the Agency involvement with ITT in Chile.

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3. [] Called Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee, to alert him to the Jack Anderson story, which he appreciated.

I also explained to Mr. Nedzi that the press stories about AID health and medical funds for Laos being diverted to CIA were quite misleading.

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10. [] Received a call from Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, concerning the press items relating to the use of AID health funds to finance the Central Intelligence Agency activities in Laos.

I met with Mr. Slatinshek later in the day and discussed the

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a copy of the GAO report [] on this subject and asked that I provide him with answers to the questions he had noted therein. []

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[] FE Division, has been advised.

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11. [] Talked to Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and gave him [] information he requested last week []

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12. [] Contacted Horace Pascal, Mutual of Omaha, to relay my conversation with Dean Sharp, Assistant Counsel, Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly Legislation, Senate Judiciary Committee, that the Mutual of Omaha report to the Subcommittee on the 20th did not have to cover the GEHA program and that another program could be substituted.

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13. [] Called Dick Schultz, Associate Chief Counsel, House Internal Security Committee, and based on the advice of [] Office of Security, told him that the Agency makes little or no use of the Subcommittee's indices, but Mr. Schultz would still like to have the opportunity to discuss the matter further with an Agency Security representative in the field of name checks, which he is also going to do with the Civil Service Commission and the FBI. [] was advised. (See Journal of 16 March 1972.)

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14. [] Mr. Robert Hull, Department of State, called for a reaction to a memorandum he had sent me on a recommended position for State to take on the Office of Management and Budget's recommendations concerning the funding of the Foreign Service retirement system. (Copies of the papers in question have been sent to the General Counsel, Director of Personnel, and Director of Finance.)

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25X1 15. [] Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to let us know he has given DOD a deadline of this Friday for submission of an alternative arrangement for the funding of the irregulars in Laos. Braswell also said he wanted a position from us as to whether we favored payment by DOD or State. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 16. [] George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, called about a story which appeared in the Washington Daily News

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25X1A Murphy asked for our comments on the accuracy of this article.

Murphy mentioned [] again. He expressed a desire for any information we might give him about this case because of the JCAE's interest in the sale of gaseous defusion technology abroad and its interest in the International Atomic Energy Association (IAEA).

25X1 17. [] Received a call from Colonel Dick Wood, in the Pentagon, asking if the Director had given a briefing on the Hill last Friday. I told him he had not and this satisfied his inquiry.

25X1 18. [] Called Dale de Haan, Counsel, Senate Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees, and expressed concern about the inaccuracies about the column by Tad Szulc in the New York Times of 19 March which reported Senator Kennedy's statements about the classified GAO report on the AID health program in Laos. See Memorandum for the Record.

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